

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed February 3, 2005, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment in which the specification has been amended to incorporate the priority application by reference.

Applicants believe the case is now in condition for examination.

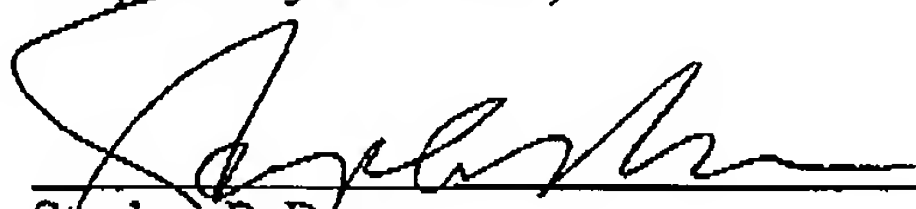
If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call Applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

Respectfully submitted,

February 23, 2005

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